

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete paragraph [0017] on page 4, and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0017] The term “zinc finger” as used herein refers to a motif well known to those of skill in the art associated with DNA-binding and ubiquitination proteins. A classical zinc finger comprises about 12 amino acids containing two cysteine and two histidine residues (referred to as a “C2H2 zinc finger” **(SEQ ID NO: 80)**) that directly coordinate a zinc atom. However, other patterns of amino acids are found within this family, including “CCCC” **(SEQ ID NO: 81)** and “CCHC” **(SEQ ID NO: 82)**. Zinc fingers typically mediate binding to either DNA or protein.

Please delete paragraph [0019] on page 4, and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0019] The term “RING finger” as used herein refers to a specialized type of zinc finger of 40 to 60 residues that binds two atoms of zinc. There are at least two different variants, the C3HC4-type **(SEQ ID NO: 83)** and a C3H2C3-type **(SEQ ID NO: 84)**, which exhibit different cysteine/histidine patterns within the motif. RING finger proteins can contain intrinsic ubiquitin ligase activity within the RING finger motif. See, *e.g.*, Joazeiro (1999) Science 286(5438):309-312.

Please delete paragraph [0077] on page 17, and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0077] Figure 4 contains sequencing data of the wildtype and mutant mouse sensin genes **(SEQ ID NOS 76-79, respectively in order of appearance)**.